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| In re Application of: | : | |
| Tannous et al. | : | |
| Application No. 10/607,630 | : | DECISION GRANTING |
| Filed: June 27, 2003 | : | PETITION UNDER |
| Title of Invention: CONTRAST | : | 37 CFR 1.47(a) |
| ENHANCING SOLUTION FOR USE IN | : | |
| CONFOCAL MICROSCOPY | : | |

This is in response to a Petition under 37 CFR 1.47(a), filed March 22, 2004, to allow the other inventor(s) to proceed with the application on behalf of himself or herself and the nonsigning inventor.

The petition is granted.

The above-identified application and papers have been reviewed and found in compliance with 37 CFR 1.47(a). This application is hereby accorded Rule 1.47(a) status.

Petitioner has shown that the non-signing inventor, Abel Torres, refuses to join in the application.

As provided in Rule 1.47(a), this Office will forward notice of this application's filing to the non-signing inventor at the addresses given in the Petition. Notice of the filing of this application will also be published in the Official Gazette.

The application file is being returned to the Office of Initial Patent Examination for continued processing.

Telephone inquiries related to this decision may be directed to the undersigned at (703) 305-0014.


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